

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An ATV comprising:

a frame;

at least three wheels suspended from the frame, at least one of which is a front wheel and at least one of which is a rear wheel, the front wheel defining a front axis and the rear wheel defining a rear axis, the front axis and the rear axis defining a wheelbase of greater than 52 inches;

a power unit for driving at least one of the wheels disposed on the frame;

a straddle-type seat including a main seat portion for a driver and a secondary seat portion, rearward of the main portion, for a passenger; and

a steering member for steering at least one of the wheels.

2. The ATV of claim 1, wherein:

the at least three wheels comprise only four wheels, two of which are front wheels and two of which are rear wheels;

the front wheels define the front axis and the rear wheels define the rear axis; each of the wheels includes an ATV-type tire; and

the steering member comprises handlebars.

3. The ATV of claim 2, wherein the wheelbase is greater than 53 inches.

4. The ATV of claim 2, wherein the wheelbase is greater than 54 inches.

5. The ATV of claim 2, wherein the wheelbase is between 52 and 72 inches.

6. The ATV of claim 2, wherein the wheelbase is between 55 and 72 inches.

7. The ATV of claim 6, wherein the wheelbase is between 55 and 65 inches.

8. The ATV of claim 7, wherein the wheelbase is between 56 and 64 inches.

9. The ATV of claim 6, wherein the main seat portion includes a main supporting range.

10. The ATV of claim 9, wherein the main supporting range is positioned rearwardly of the front axis by 40-80% of the wheelbase.
11. The ATV of claim 10, wherein the main supporting range is positioned rearwardly of the front axis by 55-65% of the wheelbase.
12. The ATV of claim 9, wherein the secondary seat portion includes a secondary supporting range, and the secondary supporting range is elevated relative to the main supporting range.
13. The ATV of claim 12, wherein the secondary supporting range is elevated relative to the main supporting range by between 0.5 and 8 inches.
14. The ATV of claim 13, wherein the secondary supporting range is elevated relative to the main supporting range by between 1.5 and 2.5 inches.
15. The ATV of claim 12, wherein the main and secondary supporting ranges have centers that are longitudinally separated from each other by at least 10 inches.
16. The ATV of claim 6, further comprising an open space forward of the main seat portion.
17. The ATV of claim 6, further comprising an open space between the main seat portion and the secondary seat portion of the seat.
18. The ATV of claim 6, wherein a ratio of a horizontal distance between a center of gravity of the power unit and the rear axis to the wheelbase is between 0.25 and 0.75.
19. The ATV of claim 18, wherein the ratio of the horizontal distance between the center of gravity of the power unit and the rear axis to the wheelbase is between 0.4 and 0.6.
20. The ATV of claim 6, wherein a longitudinal length of the straddle-type seat is at least 30 inches.
21. The ATV of claim 6, further comprising a drive shaft operatively interconnecting the power unit with at least one of the rear wheels.